Appendix.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 12-A asked by Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 8th August 1950, page 195 supra.]

Statement on the steps taken for the preparation of electoral rolls and to ensure their correctness.

The general enumeration of voters in 1948 was carried out by enumerators visiting every house and enumerating all qualified persons. After this general enumeration, opportunity was given to qualified persons, who were omitted to be enumerated, to apply for supplemental enumeration before a specified date. These applications were later verified locally and all qualified persons were included in the rolls. There was also a percentage check of the enumerators' work. The enumerators who verified the applications for supplemental enumeration also checked up at the same time any omitted houses and enumerated all qualified persons found therein.

During the recent supplementary enumeration of voters, the enumerators were instructed to enumerate in their house-to-house visits not only persons who had become qualified by virtue of the liberalized franchise qualifications, but also persons who were qualified even in 1948, but who for any reason escaped enumeration then. Copies of printed rolls were kept in the Revenue offices, offices of local bodies and with the village headmen, for inspection by the public, free of charge, to enable qualified persons whose names were not on the rolls to move to have their names included in the rolls. Adequate publicity of the arrangements made for the supplementary enumeration was given through the Press and the Radio. Advertisements were published in the English and language dailies appealing to the qualified persons to remain in their houses till the enumerators visited their houses. There was a percentage scrutiny of the enumerators' work in all areas. All possible steps have thus been taken to secure the correctness and completeness of the draft electoral rolls prepared on the basis of adult suffrage.

The draft electoral rolls for the Local Authorities' Constituencies of the Madras Legislative Council are prepared from the lists of voters furnished by these local authorities themselves. Vide publicity was given regarding the qualifications for voters in the Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies and qualified persons were invited to apply before a specified date for inclusion as voters in these constituencies. Lists of teachers possessing the requisite qualifications for inclusion as voters in the Teachers' Constituencies were obtained from the heads of all educational institutions coming up to the prescribed standard and the electoral rolls are

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prepared from these lists and the applications received from the voters themselves. The electoral rolls for the Graduates' Constituencies are prepared from the lists of Registered Graduates obtained from the three Universities in the State, the lists obtained from the heads of educational institutions, State and Union Government offices, offices of local bodies, Bar Associations and Clubs and other similar institutions of the graduates employed therein, the lists of voters compiled by the village officers, the executive officers of major panchayats and contonments and the commissioners of Municipalities and the applications received from the voters themselves. The Collectors were asked to collect the information for preparing these rolls in all other possible ways also. Thus all practicable steps have been taken to ensure that the draft rolls for the constituencies of the Council are also correct and complete.

All these draft rolls will be published in due course as the preliminary electoral rolls. After the publication of the preliminary rolls, applications may be made within a date notified in this behalf for the inclusion of names or correction of entries in the rolls or for filing objections. After the disposal of the claims and objections, a list of amendments will be prepared; the preliminary roll together with the list of amendments will constitute the final roll on the basis of which elections will be held.

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